

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Tuesday, January 23, 2007
Sixth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Balfour of the 9th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 5. By Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Rogers of the 21st, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th and Shafer of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to state findings of the General Assembly regarding the Real ID Act; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding drivers' licenses, so as to permit the Governor of Georgia to delay implementing the requirements of the Real ID Act until the Department of Homeland Security has issued regulations that the Governor finds will adequately protect the interests of the citizens of Georgia; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of drivers' licenses, so as to require the presentation of secure and verifiable documents for purposes of obtaining a driver's license; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee.

SB 31. By Senator Thomas of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act incorporating the City of Port Wentworth, approved February 6, 1957 (Ga. L. 1957, p. 2003), as amended, so as to reconstitute the governing authority of the city; to provide for council districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of the mayor and current council members; to change the provisions relating to the regular expiration of terms of office of certain council members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide

for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 32. By Senator Weber of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating the City of Doraville in the County of DeKalb, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for a referendum; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

SB 33. By Senators Harbison of the 15th, Johnson of the 1st and Brown of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, so as to authorize the development and implementation of a state-wide first responder building mapping information system; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for immunity; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee.

SB 34. By Senators Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st, Shafer of the 48th, Goggans of the 7th, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of detention generally, so as to prohibit the possession of photographs of victims by certain persons confined in penal institutions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

- SB 35. By Senators Pearson of the 51st, Harp of the 29th, Weber of the 40th, Smith of the 52nd and Rogers of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the University System of Georgia, so as to provide that students who have completed a home study program who apply for admission to member institutions of the University System of Georgia as an undergraduate student and who meet certain criteria shall be considered for admission on the same basis; to authorize the board of regents to promulgate rules and regulations regarding such admissions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Higher Education Committee.

- SB 36. By Senator Thomas of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-8-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the appointment of the executive director of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, so as to provide for salary increases for certified investigators employed with the council consistent with other state employed certified investigators; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Appropriations Committee.

- SB 37. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Weber of the 40th, Reed of the 35th, Brown of the 26th, Tate of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-10-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fixing and changing of sentence, suspension or probation of sentence, eligibility for parole, and prohibited modifications and exceptions, so as to allow a change of sentence under certain circumstances; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

- SB 38. By Senators Rogers of the 21st, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Carter of the 13th, Mullis of the 53rd, Chapman of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-3-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when a certificate of title is required for a motor vehicle, so as to require an owner of a vehicle, unless otherwise exempt, to present a valid Georgia driver's license or identification card when registering or renewing the registration of a vehicle; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee.

- SB 39. By Senators Weber of the 40th, Moody of the 56th, Williams of the 19th, Tarver of the 22nd, Carter of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to charter schools, so as to enact the 'Charter Systems Act'; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the establishment of charter systems; to revise and add definitions; to provide for the establishment of the Charter Advisory Committee; to provide for requirements for petitions for charter systems; to revise certain provisions relating to the approval or denial of a charter petition; to revise certain provisions relating to the review of charters; to provide for terms and renewals of charter systems; to provide for waivers and operating requirements, control, and management for charter systems; to provide for termination of charter systems; to revise provisions for purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Education and Youth Committee.

- SR 63. By Senator Hooks of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION dedicating the L. M. Moye, Jr. Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Transportation Committee.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Judiciary Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 15 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Smith of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Science and Technology Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 24 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Staton of the 18th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Special Judiciary Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 11 Do Pass
SB 18 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th District, Chairman

Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th asked unanimous consent that Senator Tolleson of the 20th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tolleson was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Adelman	Heath	Seabaugh
Balfour	Henson	Seay
Brown	Hill,Jack	Shafer,D
Bulloch	Hill,Judson	Smith
Butler	Hooks	Staton

Carter	Hudgens	Stoner
Chance	Johnson	Tarver
Chapman	Jones	Tate
Cowsert	Me V Bremen	Thomas,D
Davenport	Moody	Thomas,R
Douglas	Mullis	Thompson,C
Fort	Murphy	Thompson,S
Goggans	Pearson	Unterman
Golden	Powell	Weber
Grant	Ramsey	Whitehead
Harbison	Reed	Wiles
Harp	Rogers	Williams
Hawkins	Schaefer	

Not answering were Senators:

Hamrick	Orrock	Tolleson (Excused)
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Senator Hamrick was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Senator Tarver of the 22nd introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. Donald R. Jordan of Augusta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 54. By Senator Hudgens of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Associations of Health Underwriters and its nine local chapters; and for other purposes.

SR 55. By Senator Hill of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION commending Colonel Debra Conrad Rondem on the occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 56. By Senator Thomas of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Della Steele; and for other purposes.

SR 57. By Senator Thomas of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

SR 58. By Senators Harbison of the 15th and Harp of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION expressing regret at the passing of the James Edward Humes II; and for other purposes.

SR 59. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending Reverend Albert McCorvey, Sr., for his life of dedicated service to his church and recognizing him on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 60. By Senator Staton of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION remembering and honoring the life of Mr. Thomas Watson Brown; and for other purposes.

SR 61. By Senators Staton of the 18th and Tolleson of the 20th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Northside High School Eagles football team; and for other purposes.

SR 62. By Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Bulloch of the 11th and Hooks of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION remembering and honoring the life of Charles Mitchell "C.M." Stripling; and for other purposes.

SR 64. By Senator Fort of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION expressing congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Benjamin Simmons on the occasion of his 100th birthday; and for other purposes.

SR 65. By Senators Hamrick of the 30th and Seabaugh of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.

HR 41. By Representatives Keen of the 179th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Fleming of the 117th and Lane of the 167th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; and for other purposes.

Serving as the doctor of the day was Dr. Steve Muller.

Senator Williams of the 19th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 24, 2007.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 10:27 a.m.